THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) There are 18 Sainik Schools in the country. Details of the schools state-wise and staff and students school-wise are as follows:

S.No.	Location of Sainik Schools	Name of State	Staff Strength	Students
1.	Amravathinagar	Tamil Nadu	129	622
2.	Balachadi	Gujarat	116	570
3.	Bhubaneswar	Orissa	144	595
4.	Bijapur	Karnataka	141	580
5.	Chittorgarh	Rajasthan	123	513
6.	Ghorakhal	Uttar Pradesh	120	448
7.	Golpara	Assam	127	680
8.	Imphal	Manipur	118	462
9.	Kapurthala	Punjab	132	606
10.	Kunjpura	Haryana	138	640
11.	Korukonda	Andhra Pradesh	98	538
12.	Kazhakootam	Kerala	117	590
13.	Purulia	West Bengal	116	504
14,	Nagrota	Jammu & Kashmir	114	435
15.	Rewa	Madhya Pradesh	117	590
16.	Satara	Maharashtra	145	591
17.	Sujanpur Tihra	Himachal Pradesh	116	445
18.	Tilaiya	Bihar	190	846
			2301	10255

There is no proposal to establish Sainik Schools in the Cantonment areas. A Sainik School is established at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory administration, with a concrete proposal to provide 250 acres of land, meet the entire capital cost on establishment of a Sainik School as well as its portion of recurring expenditure on the school. No. proposals have been received from the State Governments of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh to set up Sainik Schools in these States.

Crash guard for two wheelers

*430 SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item that appeared in the Times of India, Mumbai edition of 11th April, 1995 under the caption "New crash guard for two wheeler";

(b) whether Government will consider securing detailed report from appropriate competent authorities on the claim made by the scientist and its utility towards safety; and

(c) whether the auto manufacturers will be compelled to install this safety device on every two wheeler manufactured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is primarily for the inventor of the device to approach the testing agency for conducting the safety test to establish his claim.

(c) The question of compulsory fitment of the device on all two wheelers can be considered after its utility towards safety has been establisted.

Estimated number of blind persons In the country

*431. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present estimated number of blind persons in the country, State-wise;

(b) what were the achievements of the national programme for the control of blindness during the year 1992-93; and

(c) the targets set for the year 1993-94 under the programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) On the basis of a Survey conducted in 1989, it is estimated that there are more than 1.2 crores blind persons in the country. The State-wise list is given in the enclosed Statements-I (See below)

(b) During 1992-93 16 lakhs cataract operations were reportedly performed in the country. The State-wise list is given in the enclosed Statement II *(See* below).

(c) A target on 24.3 lakhs cataract operations was set for the year 1993-94 under the programme.

Statement-I

Statewise Prevalence of Blindness and Estimated Blind persons

State/UTs	Population (1991)	Prevalence* /10000 POP	Estimated^' Blind Persons
Andhra Pradesh	66508008	150	10,88,000
Arunachal Pradesh	864558	123	13,500
Assam	22414322	134	3,00,000
Bihar	86374465	128	10.66.000
Delhi	9420644	63	62,000
Goa	1169793	203	25,000
Gujarat	41309582	144	5,83,000
Haryana	16463648	113	1,83,000
Himachal Pradesh	5170877	87	45,000
Jammu & Kashmir	7718700	280	2,11,000
Karnataka	44977201	129	5,59,000
Kerala	29098518	131	3,67,000
Madhya Pradesh	66181170	201	13,22,000
Maharashtra	78937187	164	12,52.000
Manipur	1837149	65	11,000
Meghalaya	1774778	22	3,000
Mizoram	689756	NA	
Nagaland	1209546	38	4,000
Orissa	31659736	172	5,38,000
Punjab	20281969	73	1,40,000
Rajasthan	43997990	224	93,600
Sikkim	406-457	45	3,000
Tamil Nadu	55858946	165	9,22,000